11. The question does not arise in view of the answer to 10.

12. No. Archaeological work is, however, now carried on more intensively.

13 and 14. These questions do not arise in view of the answer to 12.

Publication work of Archaeologists.

224. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) have any original papers and reports been published by the past and present officers during their tenure of office;

(2) if so, what are they;

(3) have their annual raports been reviewed by distinguished scholars;

(4) if so, copies of these reviews may be placed on the Table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) Vide answer to question No. 222 (2).

(3) Yes.

(4) Copies are placed on the Council Table.

Government review of Archaeological Reports.

225. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) have the Government reviewed these papers or reports;

(2) if so, copies of Government orders may be placed on the Table;

(3) if not, why not;

(4) is the Government reviewing the reports of other Departments;

(5) if so, why an exception, if any, is made in the case of the Archaeological Department;

(6) what is the practice in Travancore and other States of India regarding the reviewing of such reports;

(7) what objection Government have to follow the practice obtaining in these States in this matter also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes, in a general way in the annual Administration Reports.

(2) Vide annual Administration Reports.

(3) No answer is called for in view of the answer to (1) above.

(4) Yes.

(5) Strictly no exception is made in the case of the Archaeological Department. The only thing is that the Government do not undertake at present any detailed review of the Annual report of this Department as the Department was started only recently and is still in the course of formation.

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